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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

In the Matter of

Local Exchange Carriers' Rates,
Terms, and Conditions for
Expanded Interconnection for
Special Access

CC Docket No. 93-162

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST"), pursuant to
Section 1.46(c) of the Federal Communications Commission's
("Commission") Rules,¹ respectfully requests that the Common
Carrier Bureau ("Bureau") extend the time in which to file our
Direct Case with regard to the Bureau's recent Investigation

Order.² While the current Order remains the subject of a

reasonable to expect that the questions can be answered and the data quantified and formatted in the limited amount of time the Bureau has, as of this time, permitted. It cannot.

During the time period between now and August 13, 1993, the primary counsel for U S WEST who worked with U S WEST personnel on assembly of the earlier-filed tariff transmittal, as well as the description and justification and responses to petitions to suspend/reject, will be out of the office for half the time on long-scheduled business. It would be a hardship for other attorneys at U S WEST to step in to help business personnel in crafting a complete and professional Direct Case.

There can be no denying that the kinds of issues raised concerning expanded interconnection are not fungible with other tariff proceedings or issues. Many of them are matters of first impression before the Commission.

Additionally, certain public policy, cost, and tariff personnel involved in assembling U S WEST's Direct Case in the instant matter will also be working on the Direct Case associated with In the Matter of 800 Data Base Access Tariffs and the 800 Service Management System Tariff³ and remaining aspects of the Direct Case in In the Matter of 1993 Annual Access Tariff

³In the Matter of 800 Data Base Access Tariffs and the 800 Service Management System Tariff, CC Docket No. 93-129, Order Designating Issues for Investigation, rel. July 19, 1993. Direct cases are due in this proceeding on August 19, 1993. U S WEST will, undoubtedly, be filing a rebuttal, due September 30, 1993.

Filings.⁴ There is only so much these people can do and still respond accurately and completely to the Bureau's requests for information and analyses.

Finally, the Bureau's Investigation Order requires that the cost material be presented to the Commission on LOTUS 1-2-3. U S WEST's cost data is currently in the EXCEL format. Thus, upon completion of all the necessary internal calculations, U S WEST will be required to convert the information to the LOTUS 1-2-3 format. This will take some time.

For the foregoing reasons, U S WEST believes that an extension of time to September 24, 1993, is justified and in the public interest. We believe that no one will be prejudiced by this requested extension. While the Commission, certainly, has a limited amount of time to undertake its investigation (i.e., five months), plenty of time remains from September 24 to November 16 to do such analysis. The more complete and detailed the information submitted by the LECs, the easier will be the job of the Bureau staff.

⁴In the Matter of 1993 Annual Access Tariff Filings, CC Docket No. 93-193, Memorandum Opinion and Order Suspending Rates and Designating Issues for Investigation, rel. June 23, 1993. Rebuttals are due August 24, 1993.

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U S WEST believes that, in the long run, all parties would benefit by the granting of the requested extension of time.

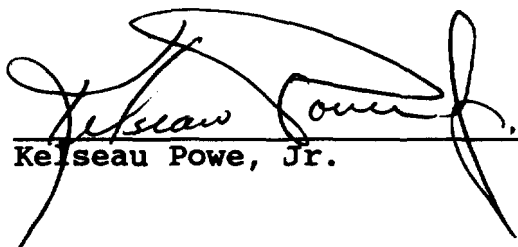
Respectfully submitted,

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